

10/519507

DT01 Rec'd PCT/PTO 22 DEC 2004

[12928/10021]

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s) : Dominique HERTZ et al.
Serial No. : To Be Assigned
Filed : Herewith
For : CLUSTER FOR ADJUSTING A NUCLEAR REACTOR
CORE REACTIVITY, ABSORBER ROD OF THE
CLUSTER AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING THE
ABSORBER ROD AGAINST WEAR

Examiner : To Be Assigned
Art Unit : To Be Assigned

Mail Stop: PCT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
37 C.F.R. § 1.125 SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION STATEMENT**

S I R:

Kindly amend the above-captioned application before examination, as set forth below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION AND ABSTRACT:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(3), a Substitute Specification (including the Abstract, but without claims) accompanies this response. It is respectfully requested that the Substitute Specification (including Abstract) be entered to replace the Specification of record.

IN THE CLAIMS:

On the first page of the claims, first line, please add:

--WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:--.

Please cancel claims 1 to 12.